Per capita expenditure on Health and Family Welfare

1917. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per-capita expenditure on health and family welfare on national and state levels for the year 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) what are the names of the States which are spending less than the national average?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The figures for the year 1985-86 and 1986-87 are not yet available as these have to be compiled by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India who is awaiting State Finance Accounts.

Increases in Airfares by Indian Air-lines

1918. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times the Indian Airlines have increased the airfare since May 19, 1985; and

(b) what are the reasons for this repeated increase in the airfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Since May, 1985, Indian Airlines has increased fares on three occasions. The increase was necessitated due to all round increase in cost since the last Basic Fare increase in 1985-86. The cost increases are mainly on account of revision of and increase in Landing Fees, Navigation Charges, material and maintenance cost, aircraft insurance, food services and establishment expenses.

Import of postal and telephone instruments

1919. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the postal and telephone instruments are being imported or whether some components of these instruments are being imported;

(b) what are the steps taken to stop the import of these instruments and manufacturing them in the country;

(c) whether the change over of the administration of the telephones and handing it over to Corporations has improved its performance; and

(d) what are the reasons for continued complaints of non-functioning of telephones from most of the Metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) *Postal*: Yes, Sir, the following itms have been imported by the Department of Posts.

(i) 3 Bag dedusting equipments.

(ii) 10 Hasler Franking Machines.

(iii) 136 Polymer Stamps.

Telecom: No telephone instruments or its components are being imported by the Department of Telecommunications.

(b) Postal: Efforts are being made to have these machines made in the country in collaboration with the foreign manufacturers, where considered necessary.